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FOR THE

STATE OF GEORGIA.

April 29th, A. D. 1885.

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R. A. MASONS, STATE OF GEORGIA,

AT ITS

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

HELD IN

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April 29th, A. D., 1885—A. I., 2415.

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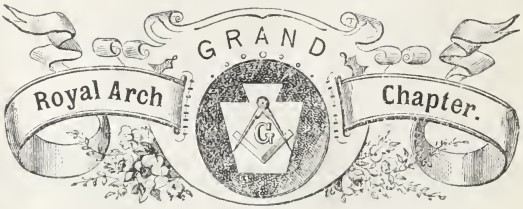
GRAND
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PROCEEDINGS.

THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA assembled in Annual Convocation, in the Hall of Mount Zion Chapter, No. 16, in the city of Atlanta, on Wednesday, the 29th day of April, A. D., 1885—A. I., 2415, and was opened in Ample Form, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.·. E.·. W. A. GRAHAM. . . . . Grand High Priest.
R.·. E.·. A. M. WOLIHIN. . . . . Deputy Grand High Priest.
R.·. E.·. JAMES W. TAYLOR . . . . . Grand King.
R.·. E.·. THOMAS BALLANTYNE . . . . . Grand Scribe.
R.·. E.·. JOSEPH E. WELLS . . . . . Grand Treasurer.
R.·. E.·. J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR. . . . . Grand Secretary.
R.·. E.·. AND REV. LANCING BURROWS . . . . Grand Chaplain *pro tem.*
COMP. JACOB MORRIS. . . . . Grand Tyler.

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS.

E.·. A. M. LAMBDIN . . . . . Grand Captain of the Host.
E.·. H. C. BURR . . . . . Grand Principal Sojourner.
E.·. A. H. SNEED . . . . . Grand Royal Arch Captain.
E.·. J. B. SMITH . . . . . Grand Master Third Vail.
E.·. J. W. RUSSEY . . . . . Grand Master Second Vail.
E.·. J. F. STILWELL. . . . . Grand Master First Vail.

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

M.·. E.·. SAMUEL LAWRENCE . . . . . Past Grand High Priest.
M.·. E.·. LUTHER J. GLENN.. . . . . Past Grand High Priest.
M.·. E.·. GEORGE W. ADAMS . . . . . Past Grand High Priest.
M.·. E.·. WILLIAM J. JOHNSON . . . . . Past Grand High Priest.
M.·. E.·. J. W. OSLIN. . . . . Past Grand High Priest.
M.·. E.·. CHARLES E. LAMBDIN. . . . . Past Grand High Priest.
R.·. E.·. WILLIAM J. POLLARD . . . . . Past Grand King.
R.·. E.·. C. F. LEWIS . . . . . Past Grand Scribe.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

CALIFORNIA . . . . . J. W. Oslin.
KANSAS. . . . . Luther J. Glenn.
LOUISIANA . . . . . J. Emmett Blackshear.
MARYLAND . . . . . J. W. Oslin.
MASSACHUSETTS . . . . . Luther J. Glenn.
MISSISSIPPI . . . . . Samuel Lawrence.
MISSOURI . . . . . Samuel Lawrence.

Nebraska	Luther J. Glenn.
New Jersey	George W. Adams.
New York	J. W. Oslin.
Quebec	J. Emmett Blackshear.
South Carolina	J. Emmett Blackshear.
Wisconsin	William J. Johnson.

USUAL COURTESY TO ALL ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

On motion of Companion Wells, duly seconded, all Royal Arch Masons, in good standing and properly avouched, were invited to witness the deliberations of this Grand Convocation.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

A committee on credentials was appointed, consisting of Companions Hiram Middlebrook, J. J. Harper, and M. A. B. Tatum, who, in due time, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia:

The Committee on Credentials report that the following are the proper Representatives of the Subordinate Chapters, to-wit:

No. 2.	Augusta	Lancing Burrows	Past High Priest.
No. 3.	Georgia	Thomas Ballantyne	High Priest.
No. 4.	Constantine	Joseph E. Wells	High Priest.
No. 7.	Darley	J. W. Oslin	High Priest.
	"	W. C. Coarts	King.
No. 8.	Glenn	C. C. Owen	Scribe.
No. 10.	Pythagoras	H. C. Burr	High Priest.
No. 12.	LaFayette	W. J. Johnson	King.
No. 16.	Mount Zion	J. A. Gray	High Priest.
	"	B. F. Moore	King.
	"	L. H. Bradfield	Scribe.
No. 19.	Trion	A. W. Hughes	Scribe.
No. 29.	Thomaston	T. S. Sharman	High Priest.
No. 30.	P. T. Schley	J. M. Mobley	High Priest.
No. 31.	Cuthbert	J. J. Harper	High Priest.
No. 34.	Newnan	Orlando McClendon	High Priest.
	"	G. H. Carmichael	King.
No. 38.	Wm. S. Rockwell	J. A. Stewart	High Priest.
No. 39.	Mount Vernon	J. D. Spence	High Priest.
No. 41.	Adoniram	Thomas Burry	High Priest.
No. 42.	Wells	W. T. A. Dunn	Past High Priest.
No. 49.	Lawrence	E. Bellflower	High Priest.
No. 51.	Mystic	S. M. Lambdin	High Priest.
No. 53.	Pierce	James O. Mangham	High Priest.
No. 54.	Jackson	E. E. Pound	High Priest.

No. 58.	Senoia	J. P. Taylor	High Priest.
	"	F. M. Brantley	King.
	"	M. H. Couch	Scribe.
No. 5.	Hiram	A. H. Sneed	High Priest.
No. 60.	Trenton.	J. W. Russey	High Priest.
No. 62.	Perry.	J. B. Smith	High Priest.
No. 15.	Albany	A. Sterne	High Priest.

We find the following Past High Priests present, to-wit:

R. F. Lester, Past High Priest of Jesup Chapter; J. F. Stilwell, Pythagoras Chapter, No. 10; M. A. B. Tatum, Trenton Chapter, No. 60; A. C. North, Past High Priest Senoia Chapter, No. 58; W. A. Mitchell, Past High Priest Newnan Chapter, No. 34; Calvin Fay, G. H. Holliday, C. L. Wilson, Joe Flieshell, No. 1.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. MIDDLEBROOK,
J. J. HARPER,
M. A. B. TATUM,
Committee.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The following additional committees were then appointed:

On Charters and By-Laws—Geo. W. Adams, M. H. Couch, B. F. Moore.

On Jurisprudence—J. M. Mobley, C. F. Lewis, J. A. Gray.

On Recorded Journals—C. L. Wilson, E. Bellflower, A. C. North.

On Grievances—T. S. Sharman, Thos. Burry, F. M. Brantley.

On Relief—J. P. Taylor, C. C. Owen, W. T. A. Dunn.

On Auditing—E. E. Pound, Anson Sterne, W. C. Coarts.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address, as follows:

GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

Companions: In the providence of the "Great I Am," my Companions, we are permitted to meet once more in Annual Convocation, to raise our "Holy Royal Arch," as it was closed, in "Peace, Love and Unity." That Providence which has thus preserved our lives, and through whose munificent ministries our numerous and varied wants have been supplied, demands our adoring gratitude for the past and challenges our unhesitating trust for the years to come: "For He is good, for his mercy endureth forever."

If there be an organization on earth, outside of the Church of God, that without presumption, may lay claim to being the child of Providence, our ancient and noble order may do so in the broadest sense. Not only did it have its birth far back in the period that preceded the Christian era, but amid circumstances which marked its origin, as they stamped its mission, essentially providential.

The principles upon which it is founded and the virtues which it so earnestly and universally inculcates and enforces, as well as its wonderful—not to say miraculous—preservation through so many centuries of unparalleled vicissitudes, furnish incontrovertible proof of the fastness and truth of this high claim. Hence, he who, with the vows of our ancient and honorable Order upon him, withholds from God the gratitude due for life preserved and its ministries continued, is atheistic at heart and unmasonic in character.

Therefore, Companions, lifting our thoughts and affections far above the "Holy Royal Arch" which we have raised, let us repeat: "For He is good, for his mercy endureth forever."

As in individual human lives the record of the doings and experiences of the years as they pass, go to the book, kept in the archives of the great Temple above, whose pages neither invite nor admit of revision, so—very largely—is it, with the doings of organizations like ours—"What we have written" on the pages of the past "we have written," what we have done in the years of the past we have done, and we can neither unwrite nor undo. This, however, we can and ought to do: to retrospect, in that spirit of candor that will neither exaggerate our successes nor depreciate our failures in the past, but that will give to each, that wise consideration in which is both pledge and prophecy of a brighter and more successful future, and if our Annual Convocations have any lofty aim or worthy purpose, this it is. With this purpose in view, let us address ourselves to the consideration of the condition of our noble Order at home and abroad.

It affords me pleasure to say that I regard the outlook of Capitular Masonry in Georgia hopeful and encouraging. This I think may be fairly inferred from the following exhibit of my official acts during the year.

On the 10th of October, in response to enquiries from Companions of Pierce Chapter at Butler, then defunct, I called their attention to the very liberal resolution of the Grand Chapter of 1883, for resuscitation, and urged them to avail themselves of its provisons. They have since complied with the terms of the resolution, and on the 2d instant I granted them a charter and appointed M. E., J. W. Oslin, P. G. H. P., to constitute the Chapter and install the officers, which duty he performed on the 15th inst. In making his report to me, Companion Oslin wrote:

"The Chapter is now organized, and will have representation in the Grand Chapter on the 29th inst. The Companions seem delighted with the privilege of once more meeting together around the Masonic altar. They have good material for officers and I think you may expect a good report from this Chapter. Three petitions last night"

I desire to return my thanks to Companion Oslin for his efficient services in this matter.

On December 13th, I wrote Companion Thomas Burry, High Priest of Adoniram Chapter, No. 41, that I did not know any constitutional provision or edict in this jurisdiction prescribing a definite time that an applicant should have been a Master Mason before being eligible to the Chapter Degrees.

On December 30th, I replied to a Companion making some strictures on the action of his Chapter in a case of suspension and restoration. As I understood his representation, a Companion had been suspended in his

Lodge for non-payment of dues, and, of course, this worked his suspension in the Chapter by operation of law. Subsequently, having been restored by the Lodge, the Chapter remitted certain dues, and "declared him clear of the books; and, although not so stated, I infer, restored him by a majority vote of the Chapter—perhaps unanimous.

To this action the Companion complainant excepted, and argued that the Companion could not be restored "except by unanimous *secret* ballot, and this upon same terms, such as petition, investigation, etc., as apply to the profane or the non-affiliated Mason." I gave as my opinion that the Chapter did not exceed its prerogative, and that a unanimous secret ballot was not requisite. The terse argument of the learned Companion seemed to assume that suspension was a total severance of all relations to the order. Now, it is an accepted Masonic maxim that "once a Mason, always a Mason," and *suspension* I regard only a privation of the privileges of the order, either for a definite or an indefinite period. If the former, restoration results from the expiration of the time specified, and in the latter, by vote of the Chapter, but not "a secret unanimous ballot."

On March 24th, on the application of the requisite number of Royal Arch Masons, properly recommended, I granted a Dispensation for a new Chapter at Rome.

All their acts and doings under dispensation will be laid before this Grand Chapter.

Some few weeks since the Deputy Grand High Priest wrote me that there would probably be an application for a new Chapter at Brunswick, made at this Convocation.

On the 25th of April, instant, replying to enquiries of the High Priest of Pierce Chapter, No. 53, at Butler, I wrote: "Dues are paid to the Grand Chapter by the Subordinates, on their membership as it exists on the last day of March each year, and as your Chapter was re-chartered on the 2nd of April and constituted on the 15th, I hold that you are not indebted for dues on your membership at the approaching Convocation."

This is a novel case, but I think results legitimately, under your very liberal resolution of 1883, authorizing the Grand High Priest to restore charters to defunct Chapters.

A number of questions of Masonic law and usage have been propounded during the year, in reply to which it has only been necessary to refer the Companions to the decisions already made and published, and I deem it unnecessary to recite these enquiries and decisions. The number of applications made for dispensations to receive petitions and ballot for candidates at one and the same Communication, justifies me in calling attention to the emphatic deliverance of this Grand Chapter upon that question, which is as follows:

"Balloting for candidates at the first reading of their petitions is prohibited by Section 7, Article 2 of the Grand Constitution, *which* cannot be set aside by dispensation of the Grand High Priest." See "Edicts adopted since 1874," page 25 of printed proceedings of 1882.

The usual courtesy has been extended to us by our sister Grand Chapters, in the exchange of printed proceedings, from which much interesting and

important information may be gathered. Kind and flattering notice of this Grand Chapter is made by many, and copious extracts from the address of Companion Lambdin, with unqualified praise.

It is the province of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which I hope to see revived, to make selections from, and comments upon, these proceedings, but in the absence of such committee in this jurisdiction, it may be expected that the Grand High Priest will call attention to such items as he may consider of special importance.

A new Grand Chapter in Dakota presents herself for recognition and entry upon the Roll of our Sisterhood.

The papers will be referred to the proper committee, and doubtless it will give you pleasure to recognize her claims and extend to her a cordial welcome. It is truly gratifying, my Companions, to see our Order growing and extending. The Royal Arch Degree is the very apex and flower of the noble stem of Ancient Craft Masonry. Founded on a belief and trust in the Supreme Architect of the Universe, we are taught in the Symbolic Degrees reverence and love for his holy name and essence, love to our brethren and charity to all mankind—and here, under our "Holy Royal Arch, we are permitted to draw nearer to him in his perfection of goodness and mercy." This privilege, if we be *true* Companions, and imbued with proper conceptions of its value, we must be glad to see all true and worthy brethren seeking to enjoy.

The Bull of Pope Leo XIII., against Masonry, has been passed in silence by most of the Grand Chapters.

In the present progress of science and art and the general advance and diffusion of intelligence the world over, the Bull of the Vatican has been stripped of his horns and his bellowing frightens no one outside of the pale, and not *all* within. Most Excellent R. M. Fairleigh, Grand High Priest of Kentucky, in a curt and incisive address, makes this extract from the Bull to show its spirit:

"If any one watches the proceedings of the Masons in respect of religion especially, it will appear that they drive off the Catholic Church, they add persecutions and insults, the rights of the Church are violated, it is their real supreme aim to persecute Christianity; Free Masonry is a wicked force, a contagious disease."

Of course his *contemptuous* denial follows this *ignorant* or malicious assertion of the Pope.

The able, full and complete reply of our Most Excellent and Illustrious Companion, Albert Pike, settles the Bull with every intelligent mind.

The controversy between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, has engaged the attention of nearly all the Grand Chapters of the United States.

While there is great unanimity in sustaining the Grand Chapter of Quebec in her claim of exclusive territorial jurisdiction, the action of the different Grand Chapters, and the remedies proposed, are not so unanimous.

I call your attention to the following report on this question, because of its conservative tone and the high authority from which it emanates.

I quote from Companion Drummond, of Maine:

"The doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction is one in which all American Masonic Bodies agree, and one to which Masonic Bodies, the world over, are rapidly coming. If the Grand Mark Master Masons' Lodge insists upon violating this doctrine, she cannot remain on terms of amity with American Grand Chapters. But the committee are not prepared to recommend a severance of fraternal relations at the present time: that should be done *only* when all other remedies have failed."

This question having been referred, at your last Convocation, to the review and decision of the Grand Officers, who have not yet met in council to consider the matter, I refrain from the expression of individual opinion. In the meantime I submit for your consideration a communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales.

I regard your course in this matter considerate, cautious and Masonic. *Festina lente* is a wise business maxim, and in Masonry *especially* so. Go slowly. There is no necessity for precipitate action in our counsels.

"Death," it is said, "loves a shining mark," and with his all-devouring scythe he has been busy among our distinguished Companions.

Past General Grand High Priest, Elbert Hartwell English, died September 1st, 1884, at Asheville, North Carolina. In announcing his death, General Grand High Priest, Alfred F. Chapman, says: "The several State Grand Chapters are asked to display, respectively, and in such manner as to them seems best, appropriate emblems of mourning," and I trust this request will be duly observed by this Grand Chapter.

On the 15th of April, 1884, at Oxford, Mississippi, Most Excellent James M. Howry, Past Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest, of Mississippi, passed away, and on the 28th of the same month, at Jackson, Most Excellent William French, Grand High Priest, of Mississippi, was called from labor to refreshment. Thus, in the short space of thirteen days, were extinguished two of the brightest lights of our sister Grand Chapter.

On the 28th of July, 1884, James C. Luckey, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, of Illinois, died suddenly at Forreston, while alone in his room at a hotel, and on the 12th of August our sister Grand Chapter was again shrouded in gloom by the loss of Most Excellent Arthur R. H. Atkins, Past Grand High Priest, at his home in Chicago. Companion Atkins had been a great sufferer, and the "silent messenger" was not unexpected.

Again, on the 20th of January, 1885, the "King of Terrors" invaded the most sacred place of our sister Grand Chapter, of Illinois, and summoned into the presence of the "Great I Am," Most Excellent Companion, Hiram W. Hubbard, Past Grand High Priest. We extend to our afflicted Companions in sister jurisdictions, and to the immediate friends and relatives of the illustrious dead, our heartfelt sympathy.

In conclusion, Companions, deeply sensible of the kind partiality which placed me in this high position, and profoundly grateful for your favor, I must now return the trust to your hands. I have not discharged its responsible duties to my own satisfaction, and I fear I have not fully met your expectations.

Immersed in business which I could not neglect without injustice to others,

I have not been able to devote to it the time which its importance demanded. But this I can say, with all sincerity: the Jewel has not been tarnished while in my keeping by any *intentional* delinquency, and I now ask that it be transferred to the custody of some *one* of the *many* more capable Companions among you. With my best wishes for your unalloyed happiness in the unknown future, I am Yours Fraternally,

W. A. GRAHAM,
Grand High Priest.

ADDRESS REFERRED.

On motion of Companion GLENN, duly seconded, the address was referred to a committee of three, and Companions GLENN, OSLIN and C. E. LAMBDIN were appointed as that committee.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF COMPANION HANSON.

Companion C. E. LAMBDIN submitted the following statement relative to the death of our beloved Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. B. HANSON, which was received and ordered spread upon the minutes:

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia:

Our Right Excellent Grand Chaplain, Companion James B. Hanson

"Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him and lies down to pleasant dreams,"

sleeps the sleep that knows no waking. Our Companion is dead! The silent Reaper, "who gathers the bearded grain at a breath," on the 21st of January last thrust in his sickle and gathered the ripe sheaf into his garner.

"And doubtless unto him is given
A life that bears immortal fruit
In such great offices as suit
The full grown energies of Heaven."

Companion Hanson was a man of unsullied honor and spotless reputation, whose every-day life was an exemplification of the ennobling tenets of our Order, exhibiting a keen sense of right and a fearless love of truth, shrinking from no contest where principle was involved, but withal modest and unassuming.

His life was gentle, and the elements
Were so mixed in him, that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, "This was a man."

His was no negative character; he was a firm and steadfast friend, ready at all times to meet his brethren of the "mystic tie" upon the five points of fellowship, to dispense light and information to his companions, and, as a Christian, as well as a Mason, spend his life in doing good.

"He has done the work of a true man;
Crown him, honor him, love him."

The world never misses a negative character; when he dies there is no muffled bell tolling to tell a community's loss; he is but one of ten thousand like him, each the counterpart of the other; but when a man of strong individuality, of positive characteristics, and of pure life, passes into

"That undiscovered country from whose bourne
No traveler ever returns,"

they leave a vacancy that can scarcely be filled, an influence that can never be estimated.

These shall resist the empire of decay
When time is o'er and worlds have passed away;
Cold in the dust their perished hearts may lie,
But that which warmed it can never die.

CHARLES E. LAMBDIN,
Past Grand High Priest.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S JEWEL.

Companion JOSEPH E. WELLS, Grand Treasurer, announced that the Jewel ordered for Past Grand High Priest, Most Excellent LUTHER J. GLENN, had been procured, and by request of the Grand High Priest, the same was formally presented by Companion LANCING BURROWS, in a felicitous address, which met an appropriate and feeling response from the honored recipient.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

On motion of Companion GLENN, duly seconded, the following amendment to the Constitution offered at the last Annual Convocation, was taken up:

"That Companions of eminence and ability, coming from other Jurisdictions, who have rendered service to the Craft, and who are residents within this Jurisdiction, may, by a vote of two-thirds of this Grand Chapter, be constituted members thereof, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper, not exceeding their rank in the jurisdiction from whence they came."

A motion to amend the proposed amendment was offered by Companion POUND, and after some discussion, the point was raised by Companion GLENN, as to whether they had the right to entertain Companion POUND'S motion; whereupon the Grand High Priest ruled the said motion out of order.

The motion to adopt the original amendment to the Constitution, as above given, was then adopted by a vote of yeas 70, nays 15.

REPORT ON FINANCE AND RETURNS.

Companion McLendon, from the Committee on Finance and Returns, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of Georgia:

The Committee on Finance and Returns report that they have attended to the duties assigned them.

They find that the Secretary has received during the last year $1,187.00 which, with $138.00 balance in his hands in 1884, makes		$1,325 00
Paid to Treasurer		1,287 00
Now in Secretary's hands		$38 00
The Treasurer has received from Grand Secretary		1,287 00
Paid on proper vouchers	958 05	
Balance due him in 1884	13 58	971 63
Balance in Treasury		$315 37

All of facts appear in the reports of those officers.

The returns submitted to us have all been found correct, as shown in the annexed tabular statement, except that those from Lawrence, No. 49, and Hiram, No. 5, and Darley, No. 7, have no seal attached.

On the 21st day of March, 1884, the charter of Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 39 was revived by it paying $50.00 under a resolution of the Grand Chapter. On the 31st day of the same month the year expired, and said Chapter owes as arrears for the ten days $8.00. The Chapter has now paid its dues for the year just expired, and asks that the said arrears of dues be remitted. We recommend that their request be granted and said dues be remitted.

Athens Chapter, No. 1, at last Convocation was given sixty days in which to make returns and pay dues, else its charter would be forfeited. It has failed to make such returns or pay dues, and we recommend that its charter stand forfeited.

Oliver Chapter, No. 25, Kellogg Chapter, No. 61. Jessup Chapter, No. 21, have made no returns nor paid any dues for the last two years, and we recommend that their charters be forfeited unless they make the returns and pay the dues in sixty days, and that the Grand Secretary notify them of this action.

Austin Chapter has made no returns this year, and owes dues for two years. We recommend the same action be taken with it as with the above three.

Alleghany Chapter, No 64, has made no returns since 1881. In 1883 Companion Redwine asked indulgence, which was granted on his promising to pay the dues by the last Convocation. This condition has not been complied with.

We recommend that the charter of said Chapter be forfeited unless within sixty days said returns are made and dues paid, and that the Grand Secretary notify said Chapter and Companion Redwine of this action at once.*

TABULAR STATEMENT OF RETURNS.

No. of Chapter.	Name of Chapter.	Number reported last year.	Marked.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Reinstated.	Demitted.	Suspended.	Died.	No. now on Roll.	Dues Remitted.	Amount dues for 1884.	Arrears previous year.	Overpaid.	Total amount now due G. Chapter.
2	Augusta . . .	52	. .	. .	. .	. .	3	. .	. .	49	2	$47 00	$ . .	$ . .	$ 47 00
3	Georgia . . .	113	8	6	. .	. .	. .	. .	1	119	7	127 00	. . .	. . .	127 00
4	Constantine .	79	2	2	2	. .	1	. .	. .	82	.	86 00	. . .	. . .	86 00
5	Hiram	13	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	1	12	.	12 00	. . .	. . .	12 00
7	Darley . . .	64	7	7	2	. .	. .	. .	2	71	.	85 00	. . .	. . .	85 00
8	Glenn	32	11	3	. .	. .	. .	. .	1	34	.	56 00	. . .	. . .	56 00
10	Pythagora .	33	1	. .	1	1	. .	. .	2	33	1	34 00	. . .	34 00	. . .
12	LaFayette . .	23	7	7	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	30	6	38 00	. . .	. . .	38 00
15	Albany . . .	46	7	9	. .	. .	2	3	. .	50	8	56 00	. . .	. . .	56 00
16	Mt. Zion . . .	91	8	5	2	1	1	1	2	95	9	102 00	. . .	. . .	102 00
18	Austin	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	.	. . .	20 00	. . .	. . .
19	Trion	35	1	2	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	37	1	38 00	. . .	. . .	38 00
20	Jesup	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	.	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
25	Oliver	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	.	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
26	Rome	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	.	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
29	Thomaston .	14	2	. .	. .	. .	1	. .	. .	13	3	14 00	. . .	. . .	14 00
30	P. T. Schley .	18	. .	. .	. .	3	. .	3	1	17	1	16 00	. . .	. . .	16 00
31	Cuthbert. . .	38	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	1	37	.	37 00	. . .	. . .	37 00
32	Lithonia . .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	.	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
33	Haynes	19	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	6	. .	13	.	13 00	. . .	. . .	13 00
34	Newnan . . .	38	4	7	2	2	1	7	. .	41	5	44 00	. . .	. . .	44 00
38	W. S. R'kw'll	14	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	1	13	.	13 00	. . .	. . .	13 00
39	Mt. Vernon .	11	4	4	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	15	2	21 00	8 00	. . .	29 00
41	Adoniram . .	14	8	9	1	. .	. .	. .	1	23	.	39 00	. . .	. . .	39 00
42	Wells	18	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	18	.	18 00	. . .	. . .	18 00
49	Lawrence . .	13	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	13	.	13 00	. . .	. . .	13 00
51	Mystic	16	. .	. .	. .	. .	1	. .	1	14	1	13 00	. . .	. . .	13 00
53	Pierce	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	13	.	13 00	. . .	13 00	. . .
54	Jackson . . .	33	2	2	. .	. .	2	. .	1	32	3	33 00	. . .	. . .	33 00
58	Senoia	38	7	10	. .	1	. .	. .	1	48	3	59 00	. . .	. . .	. . .
60	Trenton . . .	21	2	3	1	1	. .	. .	. .	26	1	27 00	. . .	. . .	27 00
61	Kellogg . . .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	.	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
62	Perry	19	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	5	. .	14	2	12 00	. . .	. . .	. . .
		905	81	76	11	9	12	25	16	962	55	$1,066	$28 00	$47 00	$956 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. STEWART,
A. STERNE,
ORLANDO McCLENDON,
Committee.

*The report, so far as it applies to Kellogg and Jesup Chapters, was subsequently amended. See page 18.

JOS. E. WELLS, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA.

1884.	Dr.		1884.	Cr.	
April 30.	To amount received of J. E. Blackshear, Gr. Sec.	$1,287 00	April 30.	By balance	$ 13 58
			"	By Mileage and per diem	387 50
			"	By Balance due Grand High Priest Lambdin	10 10
			"	By Grand Sentinel	15 00
			"	By Grand Secretary's account	12 85
			"	By J. W. Burke & Co., printing	49 75
			1885. June 23.	By 500 copies Grand Constitution	32 00
			"	By Past Grand Priest Jewel	150 85
			April 26.	By Grand Treasurer's salary	100 00
			"	By Grand Secretary's salary	200 00
				By cash balance	315 37
		$1287 00			$1,287 00
1885.					
April 30.	To balance	$ 315 37			

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Amounts received during and since the Session of 1884.

	On hand last report	$ 138 00
No. 2	Augusta	62 00
No. 3.	Georgia	123 00
No. 4.	Constantine	85 00
No. 7.	Darley	102 00
No. 8.	Glenn	32 00
No. 10.	Pythagoras	37 00
No. 12.	LaFayette	19 00
No. 16.	Mount Zion	89 00
No. 19.	Trion	42 00
No. 26.	Rome	80 00
No. 29.	Thomaston	18 00
No. 30.	P. T. Schley	31 00
No. 31.	Cuthbert	58 00
No. 32.	Lithonia	12 00
No. 33.	Haynes	19 00
No. 34.	Newnan	$ 56 00
No. 38.	Wm. S. Rockwell.	18 00
No. 39.	Mount Vernon	9 00
No. 41.	Adoniram	24 00
No. 42.	Wells	18 00
No. 49.	Lawrence	13 00
No. 51.	Mystic	14 00
No. 53.	Pierce	50 00
No. 54.	Jackson	48 00
No. 58.	Senoia	43 00
No. 60.	Trenton	29 00
No. 62.	Perry	18 00
No. 15.	Albany	38 00
		$1,325 00

Respectfully submitted.

J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR,
Grand Secretary.

COMPANION BURROWS ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP.

On motion of Companion ADAMS, duly seconded, Companion LANCING BURROWS was, unanimously, elected to membership in this Grand Chapter, with the rank of Past Grand King.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

Resolved, That Section 7 of Article II., of the Grand Constitution, be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following clause, to-wit: *Provided*, The Most Excellent Grand High Priest shall have authority, in emergency, to be judged of by him, to grant his dispensation, allowing Subordinate Chapters to receive and ballot upon applications for membership at one and the same Convocation.

ELECTION MADE SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion of Companion POLLARD, duly seconded, the election of officers was made the special order for four o'clock this afternoon.

INVITATION TO BANQUET.

Mount Zion Chapter, No. 16, through Companion GRAY, extended an invitation to the Grand Chapter to attend a banquet this evening, which was unanimously accepted.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until three o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor. Officers and members as before.

REPORT ON GRAND HIGH PRIEST'S ADDRESS.

Companion OSLIN, from the Committee on Grand High Priest's Address, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the Address of Most Excellent Grand High Priest Graham, have had the same under careful consideration, and beg leave to make the following report: We regard the address as a masterly production, clothed in elegant, chaste and beautiful language. The high-toned, moral sentiment discoursed in the address should forcibly commend itself to the favorable consideration of the Companions of the Royal Arch Craft. So far as we understand the report of high official acts and doings, we cordially endorse the same.

We most respectfully suggest that the communication of Fred Burkus, Past Grand Junior Warden, of London, England, be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence, and in compliance with the request of the Grand Chief of Royal Arch Masons, of Dakota, made through William Blatt, Grand High Priest, we respectfully recommend that fraternal relations and recognition of said Grand Chapter be acknowledged and accepted by the Grand High Priest. Respectfully submitted.

L. J. GLENN,
J. W. OSLIN,
C. E. LAMBDIN,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

On motion of Companion OSLIN, duly seconded—

Resolved, That a committee on Necrology be appointed. The motion was adopted, and the following Companions were appointed as that committee: J. W. Oslin, W. J. Johnson, L. J. Glenn.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion of Companion ADAMS, duly seconded, the special order for the election of officers was taken up, and the election was held with the following result:

Companion A. M. WOLIHIN.....M.·. E.·. Grand High Priest.
Companion J. W. TAYLOR.....R.·. E.·. Deputy Grand High Priest.
Companion THOMAS BALLANTYNE.....R.·. E.·. Grand King.
Companion A. M. LAMBDIN .....R.·. E.·. Grand Scribe.
Companion JOSEPH E. WELLS .....R.·. E.·. Grand Treasurer.
Companion J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR.....R.·. E.·. Grand Secretary.
Companion CHARLES H. FREEMAN.....Grand Tyler.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

On motion of Companion GRAY, duly seconded, the installation of officers elect was made the special order for this evening, immediately before the banquet.

GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEBEC AND GRAND MARK MASTERS' LODGE OF ENGLAND.

Companion WOLIHIN submitted the following report, relative to the differences existing between the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Mark Master's Lodge of England, the same having been referred to the Grand Officers at the last Annual Convocation:

REPORT.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of Georgia:

The Grand Officers to whom was referred the unfortunate difference of opinion as to the question of jurisdiction now pending between the Mark Master Mason Lodge of England, Wales, and the Grand Chapter of Quebec, have had the question under consideration and inasmuch as there has been a want of unanimity in the action of the several Grand Chapters of the States, respectfully ask that the question be referred by this Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter of the United States for such action as it may deem proper for the best interests of Chapter Masonry, and that our represntatives be requested to bring the matter to the official notice of the General Grand Chapter of the United States at its next Convocation.

W. A. GRAHAM, G. H. P.,
A. M. WOLIHIN, D. P. G. H. P.,
J. W. TAYLOR, G. K.,
THOS. BALANTYNE, G. S.,
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE RELIEVED.

On motion of Companion MOBLEY, duly seconded, the Committee on Jurisprudence was relieved from further consideration of the matter relative to the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Grand Mark Masters' Lodge of England.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS' JEWELS.

On motion of Companion GRAY, duly seconded—

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to procure, as soon as the funds of the Grand Chapter will permit, a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel for Companion J. W. Johnson, and one, also, for Companion J. W. Oslin, both Past Grand High Priests of this Grand Chapter.

Carried.

INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Companion LANCING BURROWS, Grand Chaplain elect, being desirous of leaving the city, was installed.

COMPANION POWELL AUTHORIZED TO AFFILIATE.

On motion of Companion MITCHELL, duly seconded—

Resolved, That the dues of Companion W. L. S. Powell, a Royal Arch Mason residing near Newnan, formerly a member of Carrollton Chapter, No. 22, now extinct, be remitted, and that the Grand Secretary issue to him a certificate authorizing him to affiliate.

RELATIVE TO GRAND SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE.

On motion of Companion GRAY, duly seconded—

Resolved, That the Edict of this Grand Chapter, promulgated in 1874, and printed in the proceedings of said year, on page 15, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolved, further, That whenever a Royal Arch Mason, member of a defunct Chapter, desires a certificate of membership, the Grand Secretary shall issue the same to him upon payment of any dues he may have owed the Grand Chapter at the surrender of the charter of his Chapter.

Adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE AND RETURNS RECONSIDERED.

On motion of Companion GLENN, duly seconded—

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Finance and Returns be reconsidered, so far as Jesup Chapter is concerned.

Carried.

On motion of Companion GRAY, the same action was taken relative to Kellogg Chapter.

On motion of Companion GLENN, duly seconded—

Resolved, That the charter of Jesup Chapter be and the same is hereby declared forfeited.

Adopted.

On motion of Companion GRAY, duly seconded—

Resolved, That the charter of Kellogg Chapter shall be forfeited, unless the dues of the said Chapter are paid by or during the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Adopted.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Returns, as thus amended, was adopted.

CHAPTER AT ROME.

Companion POLLARD offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on Charters and By-Laws:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to the Companions at Rome on payment of the Grand Secretary's fees.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 7½ o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

SEVEN AND A HALF O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor. Officers and members as before.

AMOUNT DUE BY COMPANION LESTER REMITTED.

On motion of Companion GLENN, duly seconded—

Resolved, That the amount due this Grand Chapter by Companion R. F. Lester, as a member of Jesup Chapter, be and the same is hereby remitted.

THANKS TO RETIRING GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

Companion GLENN offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered to the retiring Grand High Priest, W. A. Graham, for the able, courteous and efficient manner in which he has presided over this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That in voluntarily declining a re-election, and retiring from the exalted position which he has occupied for the past Masonic year, he carries with him the respect, love and best wishes of the members of this Grand Chapter for his future prosperity and happiness.

REPORT ON CHARTERS AND BY-LAWS.

Companion MOORE, from the Committee on Charters and By-Laws, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT.

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Georgia:

Your Committee on Charters and By-Laws beg leave to report that they have had before them the application from Rome Chapter, No. 26, at Rome, Ga. (now working under a Dispensation) for a charter, and being satisfied

with the skill and capacity of the applicants, recommend that the same be granted on the payment to the Grand Secretary of the proper fees.

Respectfully submitted.

M. H. COUCH,
B. F. MOORE,
Committee.

REMUNERATING THE GRAND TYLER.

On motion of Companion J. W. TAYLOR, duly seconded—

Resolved, That the Grand Tyler, Companion Jacob Morris, be paid twenty dollars for his services during this Grand Convocation.

Adopted.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The officers elect were duly installed by the retiring Grand High Priest.

COMPANION WELLS TO INSTALL GRAND TYLER.

On motion of Companion J. W. TAYLOR, duly seconded—

Resolved, That Companion Wells be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to install Companion Charles H. Freeman, Grand Tyler.

Adopted.

THANKS TO MT. ZION CHAPTER, NO. 16.

On motion of Companion J. W. TAYLOR, duly seconded—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be and are hereby tendered Mt. Zion Chapter, No. 16, and Companion Gray, the High Priest thereof, for courtesies extended during the present Convocation.

Adopted.

THANKS TO RAILROADS.

On motion of Companion BALANTYNE, duly seconded—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be and are hereby tendered the several Railroad Companies for courtesies extended delegates attending this Grand Convocation.

Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

On motion of Companion GRAY, duly seconded:

Resolved, That a Committee on Foreign Correspondence be appointed to report at next Annual Convocation.

Laid on the table.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

The Grand High Priest appointed a committee on printing, as follows: JOS. E. WELLS, GEO. R. BARKER, J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR.

GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE HOST.

Companion ORLANDO MCLENDON was appointed and installed Grand Captain of the Host.

The business of the Grand Convocation being ended, and the Banquet being in waiting, the Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form.

A. M. WOLIHIN,
Grand High Priest.

J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR,
Grand Secretary.

TABULAR STATEMENT FOR 1885.

No.	CHAPTER.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.
2	Augusta	Augusta	Richmond	Chas. E. Coffin	R. H. Land.
3	Georgia	Savannah	Chatham	Thos. Ballantyne	P. H. Ward.
4	Constantine	Macon	Bibb	Jos. E. Wells	George A. Dure.
5	Hiram	Forsyth	Monroe	A. H. Sneed	A. A. Turner.
7	Darley	Columbus	Muscogee	J. W. Oslin	R. J. Hunter.
8	Glenn	Luthersville	Meriwether	W. G. McWilliams	W. J. Fuller.
10	Pythagoras	Griffin	Spalding	Henry C. Burr	John F. Stilwell.
12	LaFayette	Fort Gaines	Clay	W. A. Graham	Andrew S. Brown.
15	Albany	Albany	Dougherty	A. Sterne	J. W. Joiner.
16	Mount Zion	Atlanta	Fulton	Jas. A. Gray	Otto Spahr.
19	Trion	Trion Factory	Chattooga	N. H. Coker	G. B. Myers.
29	Thomaston	Thomaston	Upson	T. S. Sharman	W. H. Wallace.
30	P. T. Schley	Hamilton	Harris	Jas. M. Mobley	John B. Mobley.
31	Cuthbert	Cuthbert	Randolph	J. J. Harper	M. C. Parkerson.
33	Haynes	Sandersville	Washington	H. N. Hollifield	W. Gallaher.
34	Newnan	Newnan	Coweta	Orlando McClendon	W. A. Mitchell.
38	W. S. Rockwell	Conyers	Rockdale	J. A. Stewart	O. Seamon.
39	Mount Vernon	Lawrenceville	Gwinnett	J. D. Spence	A. T. Patillo.
41	Adoniram	Cedartown	Polk	Thomas Burry	Chas. B. Parker.
42	Wells	Americus	Sumter	H. D. Watts	A. A. Wheeler
49	Lawrence	Dawson	Terrell	E. Bellflower	J. C. F. Clark.
51	Mystic	Barnesville	Pike	A. M. Lambdin	H. H. Swatts.
53	Pierce	Butler	Taylor	Jas. O. Mangham	Jas. D. Russ.
54	Jackson	Jackson	Butts	E. E. Pound	W. M. Higgins.
58	Senoia	Senoia	Coweta	J. P. Taylor	W. F. Sibley.
60	Trenton	Trenton	Dade	J. W. Russey	S. H. Thurman.
62	Perry	Perry	Houston	J. B. Smith	J. D. Martin.

ADDRESS OF GRAND SECRETARIES.

GRAND CHAPTER.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	Daniel Sayre	Montgomery, Ala.
Arkansas	James A. Henry	Little Rock, Ark.
California	Thomas Hubbard Caswell	San Francisco, Cal.
Canada	David McClellan	Hamilton, Canada.
Colorado	Ed. C. Parmelee	Georgetown, Col.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler	Hartford, Conn.
Delaware	H. B. McIntire	Wilmington, Del.
District of Columbia.	L. G. Stephens	Washington, D. C.
Florida	DeWitt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville, Fla.
Georgia	J. Emmett Blackshear	Macon, Ga.
Illinois	Gil. W. Barnard	Chicago, Ill.
Indiana	John M. Bramwell	Indianapolis, Ind.
Iowa	John C. Parish	Des Moines, Iowa.
Kansas	John H. Brown	Wyandotte, Kan.
Kentucky	Joseph H. Branham	Louisville, Ky.
Louisiana	James C. Batchelor, M. D	New Orleans, La.
Maine	Ira Berry	Portland, Maine.
Maryland	George L. McCahan	Baltimore, Md.
Massachusetts	Zeph. H. Thomas, Jr	Cambridge, Mass.
Michigan	William P. Innes	Gr. Rapids, Mich.
Minnesota	A. T. C. Pierson	St. Paul, Minn.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson, Miss.
Missouri	William H. Mayo	St. Louis, Mo.
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha, Neb.
Nevada	John D. Hammond	Carson, Nev.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord, N. H.
New Jersey	George B. Edwards	Jersey City, N. J.
New York	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo, N. Y.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh, N. C.
Nova Scotia	G. T. Smithers	Halifax, N. S.
Ohio	James Nesbitt	Troy, Ohio.
Oregon	R. P. Earhart	Salem, Oregon.
Pennsylvania	Charles E. Myer	Philadelphia, Pa.
Quebec	David Seath	Montreal, Quebec
Rhode Island	William R. Greene	Providence, R. I.
South Carolina	J. E. Burke	Charleston, S. C.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville, Tenn.
Texas	Robert Brewster	Houston, Texas.
Vermont	William H. S. Whitcomb	Burlington, Vt.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond, Va.
West Virginia	Odell S. Long	Wheeling, W. Va.
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee, Wis.
Gen. G. Chapter U. S.	Christopher G. Fox	Buffalo, New York

ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

M.·. E.·. A. M. WOLIHIN, - - - - GRAND HIGH PRIEST.
BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA.

R.·. E.·. J. W. TAYLOR, - DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST.
LUTHERSVILLE, GEORGIA.

R.·. E.·. THOMAS BALLANTYNE, - - - - GRAND KING.
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.

R.·. E.·. A. M. LAMBDIN, - - - - - - - - GRAND SCRIBE.
BARNESVILLE, GEORGIA.

R.·. E.·. JOSEPH E. WELLS, - - - - GRAND TREASURER.
MACON, GEORGIA.

R.·. E.·. J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR, GRAND SECRETARY.
MACON, GEORGIA.

R.·. E.·. and REV. LANCING BURROWS, - GRAND CHAPLAIN.
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA.

COMP. CHAS. H. FREEMAN, - - - - - - GRAND TYLER.
MACON, GEORGIA.

The next Annual Grand Convocation will be held in the city of Macon, on the last Wednesday in April, 1886.

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